

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently amended). A nail clipper comprising
top and bottom elongated members, each of which has a top surface, a
bottom surface, a pair of side surfaces, and distal and proximal ends;

~~the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members being~~
interconnected by a post extending from the top surface of the bottom
elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof to a point above the top
surface of the top elongated member;

each of the proximal ends of the top and bottom members having a
cutting edge disposed in opposing nail clipping relationship;

~~a post extending from the top surface of the bottom elongated member~~
~~adjacent the proximal end thereof through an opening in the top member~~
~~adjacent the proximal end thereof to a point above the top surface of the top~~
~~elongated member;~~

a lever coupled to the post above the top surface of the top member,
the lever adapted to cause movement of the cutting edges between a cutting
position and non-cutting position; and

a bumper disposed on the bottom surface of the bottom member, the
bumper having an edge disposed distant from the proximal ~~second~~ end of the
bottom member.

2 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 16, wherein
the post extends through the bottom member and the bumper covers the
portion of the post extending through the bottom member.

3 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim 2, wherein said
edge of the bumper is disposed distant from the proximal ~~second~~ end of the

bottom member about 1/4 or less of the distance from the proximal end to the distal end of the bottom member.

4 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein said edge of the bumper is disposed distant from the proximal end of the bottom member about 1/4 or less of the distance from the proximal end to the distal end of the bottom member.

5 (original). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the bumper extends from about the proximal end to said edge and has a generally triangular shape whose apex is distant from the bottom elongated member.

6 (Currently amended) A nail clipper according to claim [[5]] 17, wherein said lever includes a thumb accepting depression.

7 (Currently amended). A nail clipper according to claim 6, wherein the cutting edges are ~~offset from~~ disposed at an angle to a central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members.

8 (Currently amended). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the cutting edges are ~~offset from~~ disposed at an angle to a central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members.

9 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the proximal ends of the top and the bottom elongated members have a color which contrasts the nail to be clipped.

10 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim 9, wherein a portion of each member of the pair of sides of the top elongated member

adjacent the distal end thereof extend below the bottom surface of the top member so as to form a generally U-shape with the bottom surface, and wherein the distance between the pair of side surfaces of the top member is greater than the distance between the pair of side surfaces of the bottom member.

11 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper comprising
top and bottom elongated members, each of which has a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of side surfaces, and distal and proximal second ends; the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members being interconnected;
each of the proximal ends of the top and bottom members having a cutting edge disposed in opposing clipping relationship;
a post extending from the top surface of the bottom elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof through an opening in the top member adjacent the proximal end thereof to a point above the top surface of the top elongated member;
a lever coupled to the post above the top surface of the top member, the lever adapted to cause movement of the cutting edges between a cutting position and non-cutting position,
wherein the second end of the top and bottom elongated members have a color which contrasts the nail to be clipped.

12 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim 9, wherein a portion of each member of the pair of sides of the top elongated member adjacent the distal end thereof extend below the bottom surface of the top member so as to form a generally U-shape with the bottom surface, and wherein the distance between the pair of side surfaces of the top member is greater than the distance between the pair of side surfaces of the bottom member.

13 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim 11, wherein the cutting edges are ~~offset from~~ disposed at an angle to a central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members.

14 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper comprising
top and bottom elongated members, each of which has a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of side surfaces, and distal and proximal ends;
the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members being interconnected;
each of the proximal ends of the top and bottom members having a cutting edge disposed in opposing clipping relationship;

a post extending from the top surface of the bottom elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof through an opening in the top member adjacent the proximal end thereof to a point above the top surface of the top elongated member;

a lever coupled to the post above the top surface of the top member, the lever adapted to cause movement of the cutting edges between a cutting position and non-cutting position,

wherein a portion of each member of the pair of sides of the top elongated member adjacent the distal end thereof extend below the bottom surface of the top member so as to form a generally U-shape with the bottom surface, and wherein the

distance between the pair of side surfaces of the top member is greater than the distance between the pair of side surfaces of the bottom member

15 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim 14, wherein the cutting edges are ~~offset from~~ disposed at an angle to a central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members.

16 (New) A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members are interconnected and the post extends from the top surface of the bottom elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof through an opening in the top member adjacent the proximal end thereof to a point above the top surface of the top elongated member.

17 (New) A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members are not interconnected, and the post extends adjacent a side surface of the top elongated member to the point above the top surface of the top elongated member.

18 (original). A nail clipper according to claim 7, having a second post extending from the top surface of the bottom elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof and adjacent the other side surface of the top elongated member to a point above the top surface of the top elongated member.

19 (original). A nail clipper according to claim 18, wherein the posts are interconnected to the side surfaces adjacent to which they extend.

20 (original). A nail clipper according to claim 19, wherein the bumper extends from about the distal end to said edge and has a generally triangular shape whose apex is distant from the bottom elongated member.